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The Little Giant

One of the leading Fraternal insurance societies of tee day, The Modern Brotherhood of America, was organized April 5, 1897, and has made for itself a world's record, havidg today over 135,000 beneficiary members and has over $700,000 in reserve fund to protect contracts. Provides old age benefits; admits both men and women from ages of 18 to 48; all persons admitted must be white and of good moral character, and sound, both in body and mind All persons admitted under the following monthly rates per 1000

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20,649 stitches are taken to make a shirt and 15 cts is the reward for the labor. Life insurance has saved many a woman from such a life of toil, how about your wife?

A total eclipse of the sun is a matter of pecular interest to scientiests. A total eclipse of the father of a family is a direct bread and butter problem, in this case no smoked glass is needed to find the loss and suffering caused, nor spectacles to see the benefits of insurance in the Modern Brotherhood of America.

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Soda Fountain

The City Bakery

AND CONFECTIONERY

Cold Drinks		Hot Drinks	
Coco Cola	5c	Tomato Bouillon	10c
Dr. Pepper	5c	Beef Tea	10c
Jersey Creme	5c	Cocoa	10c
Texatone	5c	Hot Chocolate, Whipped Cream and Cake	10c
Limade	5c	Hot Lemonade	5c
Lemonade	5c	Horlick's Malted Milk	10c
Soda Water (any flavor)	5c	Malted Milk with Egg	15c
Grape Juice	5c		
Malted Milk	10c		

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Great deeds compel regard. The world crowns its doers. That's why the American people have crowned Dr. King's New Discovery the king of throat and lung remedies. Every atom is a health force. It kills germs, and colds and lagrippe vanish. It heals cough-racked membranes and coughing stops. Sore, inflamed bronchial tubes and lung are cured and hemorrhages cease. Dr. Geo. More, Black Jack, N. C , writes: "It cured me of lung trouble, pronounced hopeless by all doctors." 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Man & Simmons.

Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast---likewise also to fill the grand opera manager's chest.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has become famous for its cures of coughs colds, croup and influenza. Try it when in need. It contains no harmful substance and always gives prompt relief. Sold by City Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

A BARGAIN

FOR SALE—Good farm, 80 acres land 40 acres good land in cultivation, 3 room house, barn and orchard 6 miles Decatur, 6 miles Bridgeport; price $17.50 per acre. Will take $250 down and balance 7 years. Will take part stock on cash payment. This is a bargain—rents will pay the place out. First come, first served. J. P. Hayter. (2wks)

Foley's Honey and Tar clears the air passages, stops the irritation in the throat, soothes the inflamed membranes, and the most obstinate cough disappears. Sore and inflamed lungs are healed and strengthened, and the cold is expelled from the system. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. Ford & Thomason.

Want a Farm

If you have 100 acres or about that amount, with 80 acres of good tillable land, free from johnson grass, good improvements, near a school, WE CAN SELL IT FOR YOU, if your price is reasonable.

COLLINS-SMITH-BALL CO.

ADDRESSED BY YOAKUM.

Speaks to a Large Audience at State Fair of Texas.

SPEECH INTERESTING ONE

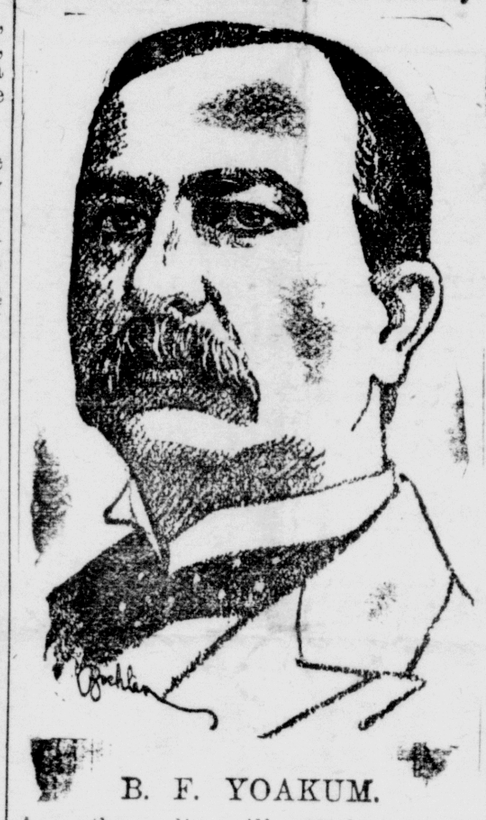
President of Rock Island-Frisco Railway System Takes For His Subject "TheFarmers and Business" and Timely Advice Given.

Dallas, Oct. 27.—Tbis was Prosperity day, Conservation day and Farmers' day at the State Fair of Texas.

Among the speakers was Hon. B. F. Yoakum. In his interesting address he said among other things:

"In a country old as China and one new as America the farmer ranks first as a holder and producer of wealth, as the land which produces all we eat and all we wear is of first importance.

"What we should have is increased productiveness of the farms aod further developmeat of our agricultural resources. To accomplish this we must invite money to develop our country.



B. F. YOAKUM.

Any other policy will retard progress. A rich land which tells men with money to stay away might just as well tell homeseekers to go to other places. We have work for men and need money to pay them. An idle dollar is worse for a community than a lazy loafer.

"The farmers have not given the question of business methods in the conduct of their farming operations the careful consideration that so important a subject demands. The question is a big one, not only to the producers, but to the entire country. The welfare of every merchant, every banker, every mauufacturer and every laborer is dependent upon the success of those engaged in farming. and the business of all is increased or decreased in proportion to the yield of agricultural products.

—"The agitator does uot advance the spirit of co-operation that is becoming so fixed in the minds of the public. The Interest of the man who produces cannot be promoted through that class of politician whose stock in trade is to condemn all corporations and institutions, regardless of whether they are law-abiding or law-breaking. The public speaker or candidate whose argument lies in the condemnation of corporations and wealth, and whose method is to instill a feeling of antagonism is not a true friend of the farmer or of the country. This is not said in defense of corporate interests or of wealth when misused, but in defense of the spirit that should prevail with all men and classes in trying to develop a feeling of closer relations and sub-substantial co-operation."

Mr. Yoakum declared that an organized system upon business principles that will promote the interest of the farmer is inevitable.

The speaker said President F. A. Vanderlip of the National City Bank sf New York, talking to a representative body of agriculturalists, stated he saw no reason why bankers would not extend the same credit to farmers' organizations issuing warehouse certificates as they do to [illegible]ers, if they are handled under the same business methods as prevail with the other commercially organized warehouse associations. "To illustrate: If there are 10,000 bales of cotton stored in a properly constructed warehouse, built in a way to overcome as near as possible fire risk, and located by a railroad track where the cotton is hauled from the farm and deposited in that warehouse there is no further expense in drayage to its owner and only a slight storage charge, such as the farmers' organization may fix to take care of expenses."

Mr. Yoakum declared the railroad the farmer's next-door neighbor and that if through "co-operation of the railroads with the farmers of Texas 1 cent a pound additional on cottou can be had, it will bring the farmers, on a 3,000,000-bale crop, an additional $15,000,000 annually."

He made a strong plea for the good roads, showing how greatly farmers would be benefited,

Declaring himself a Democrat, Mr. Yoakum asserted that too often the party members have devoted too much attention in congress in opposition to railroads and corporations. He suggested thateach state in the south and and the southwest ask their public men to see to it that this section be given the same recognition by the natioual government as is extended the northwest in developing its resources.

He insisted Texans make influence in idustrial way felt at Washington.

BOYD

Misses Velma and Agnes Neel, of Decatur, visited in Boyd last week.

Mr. Evans Wright and Miss Barter, Lyle were married Thursday evening at six o'clock at the Methodist church. Rev. French performed the ceremony.

Gara Wren, of Fort Worth, visited home Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Helen Littlepage, of Denton Normal, visited home Saturday and Sunday.

R. A. Zorns, A. A. Zorns and D. P. Brown were in Ft. Worth Sunday.

Several from this locality attend the Dallas fair this week and last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Noal Littlepage, Oct. 1, a girl.

Supt. Ben Short, of Decatur, visited the school here Tuesday.

Mr. Isabell Avery and Miss Eunna Sliger, of the Garvin community were married Sunday, Oct. 24.

We learn that Jim McCracken, of Springtown, died an unexpected and sudden death Sunday morning.

J. C. McCool and J. E. Patterson visited Dallas Wednesday.

CRAFTON

Oct. 24.—With one month more of good weather the cotton will be out and the children can start to school.

Mrs. T. R. Holliday and son, Aubrey, of Decatur, visited A. B. Suggs Saturday and returned home Sunday, after looking over town, as this was their first visit since the cyclone.

Sunday afternoon we took a drive in the country, the first place of note was Mr. McCabe's, where we saw nine bales of cotton and five open and John out looking at his fat hogs, looked happy and contented and told us that he would make thirty bales and plenty of feed; then we turned south to the Huskey farm, we found Bro. Huskey very lively, said his farm would make half a bale to the acre; then we came to Andie Shook, who lives on said farm, who will make thirty bales; then to C. J. McClure's, and found no one at home, but a good crop and big stacks of hay; thence to the home of M. C. Parr, there we saw crows that no man could number, there being no one at home we reined old Jake, and turned homeward, and told Polly, that prosperity was abroad in the land and she says: "Sylvester, you don't say so." and looked at me over her spectacles, the picture of amusement.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barnett, of Chico, Oct. 22, a boy.

G. L. Binion and family, spent Sunday with J. H. Poor.

Mrs. J. J. Dickey visited her daughter, Mrs. Will Harris, Sunday.

Our young folks enjoyed a social Saturday night at the home of Tom Stacks, in honor of Aubrey Holliday.

Bob Warden is at home after an absence of eight months in Parker county.

Mrs. Jim O'dell, of Decatur, visited her sister, Mrs. Rankin, Saturday.

THE CARNIVAL

The Carnival company, which has been in Decatur this week, has been drawing good crowds, and all who attend seem highly pleased with the various entertainments.

James R. Colton, the high-diver, up to yesterday, had made two very pretty leaps from his 84-foot ladder. This event is a very thrilling one and has created much interest owing to the tragic death of McKenzie, the diver, here last fall. Emmett Nevada, the man who loops the gap on a wheel, has also been successful in his feat, which is also very dangerous.

Among the twelve feature shows, the Matinee Girls and the Old Plantation, are the best. Much real talent is found among the pretty girls and handsomemen of the Matinee company, and their humerous programs are very pleasing. The real stars in the different bills are Mrs. Danville, Irene Wells, Viola Rogers, Lary Lamar and Dan Cherry. Mr. Cherry is a splendid commedian whose home is at Bridgeport. Lamar is very versatile and readily adopts himself to any role, but is best in his characterization of the Jew. This is his strong part, and his work is indeed excellent.

The ladies are all pretty and their songs and dancing are very fine. Little Rose Morrell captures the audience at every appearance. She is charming and graceful, and she doubtless has a great future.

The negro minstrel show is up to the standard and composes a good company of commedians.

In "Superba," Mabel Crawford does a very splendid serpentine dance, which act is the most beautiful of the whole carnival. The moving pictures are also good.

The Roman Standium gives some very creditible trapeze work, the best act of which is done on the rings by Myrtle Clark.

Mr. Faulkner's giant snake show is worth much more than the admission.

His three great snakes, two constrictors and a sacred snake, are the largest ever seen here. The largest is thirty feet long, and weighs over three hundred pounds. The show also comprises a menagerie of monkies, badgers, birds, waltzing mice, etc.

The glass blowing exhibition is one of his best attractions.

And then there Sans Souci, the fortune teller, who tells past, present and future. Her palm readings are remarkably accurate, and her tent is always crowded.

There are many other amusements where one may be entertained, and taken all together the carnival company is good, and you are the loser if you do not come and see the sights today and tomorrow.

BOWIE DEFEATED

The Bowie high school basket ball team was badly trounced here last Saturday by the lop-sided score of 72 to 24. The visitors were outclassed in every point of the game, and the locals simply played rings around them.

Caver and Patterson did most of the scoring for Decatur. All the locals were fine in passing the ball and team work.

Scott Teal, Bowie's center, was the star for the visitors, and his work was extra fast. The Bowie boys played a smooth game, but were outclassed.

Decatur goes to Bowie for a game Nov. 13.

Next Saturday the local team goes to Bridgeport for a game with the high school team there. The team will make longer trips during the season, and will have some strong teams here.

Prof. Jim St. Clair, who is coaching the team, is proud of the showing made Saturday. He is arranging to place a basket ball court in a building on the square, where the public may attend the coming big games which will be played at night.

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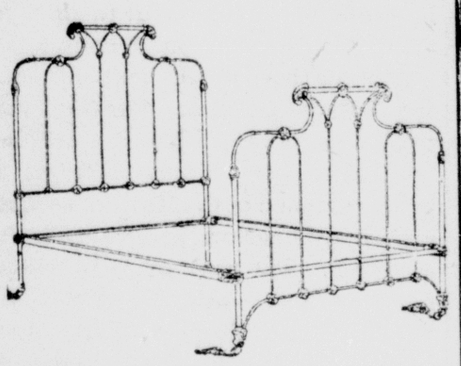

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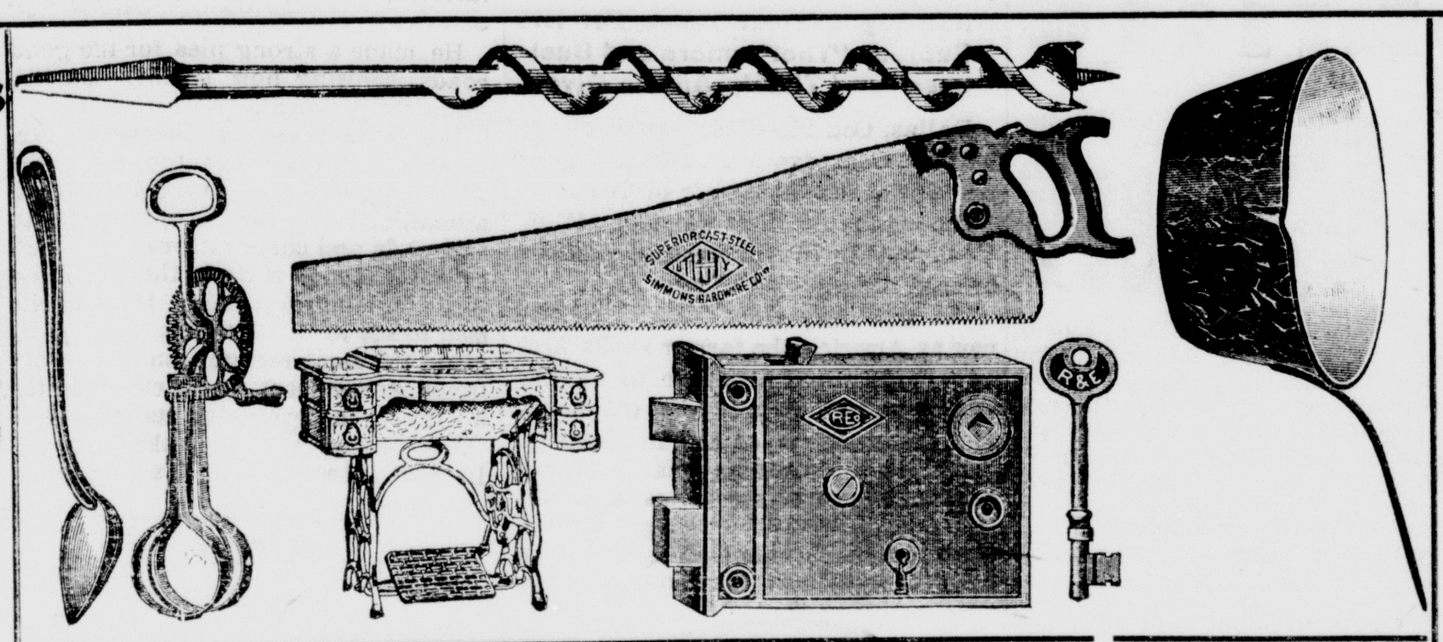

We do not allow anybody to undersell us. We are making Nails and Staples at 3 1-2c. We propose to meet and sell goods as cheap as any firm or catalogue house doing business in our country. Space will not admit us naming prices on the many thousand things we have to sell, but come to see us and get our prices; and remember "Quality first and price second" is our motto.

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TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Happenings of Interest Related In Brief Way.

Business is good all over Texas.

Crosby county has fine pasturage.

Ballinger is to have a $75,000 hotel.

Pecan crop is short in Milam county this year.

Amarillo Roman Catholics will build a $25.000 church.

Palestine is to have a new hotel and cafe—the St. Florence.

Denison peanut factory, employing forty hands, is in operation.

Pay roll of the Katy railway at Denison for October was $238,000.

Several counties report two-thirds of the cotton picked and ginned.

Tax rolls of Jones county foot up $14,588,610, an increase over 1908 of $1,748,019.

Thompson Bros.' hardware store and contents at Kanfman burned. Loss is $16,000.

Burglars stole $800 worth of diamonds from the residence at Tyler of Ed Evans.

Simmons' gin, at Burkburnett, Wichita county, is in ashes. It was in operation only six weeks.

A. L. Cheney of Dallas has been appointed a clerk in the department of state at Washington.

For $50,000 the Emberson ranch of 1,280 acres, in Grayson county, was sold to Pilot Point parties.

The $160,000 bond issue for the North Park public school building at Abilene has been registered at Austin.

Marshall taxpayers voted a $10,000 bond issue to erect a high school and also an 11 cents maintenance tax.

Nobles Bro . of Lampasas will put in at Brady a $30,000 stock of hardware and agricultural implements.

After a trial lasting five days A. A. Maggard, charged with embezzlement of $4,100, was acquitted at Dallas.

Fifty quarts of whisky were stolen from an establishment at Cushing, Nacogdoches county. Two men were arrested.

Two men held up and one of them badly beat at Dallas L. N. Cunningham of Ladonia. He was also robbed of $13.

A. L. Hicks of San Angelo bought of Colonel Ike T. Pryor consideration not made public, the T-5 ranch, in Terrell county.

Approximately 400 of the 600 persons who took the state teachers' examination for state certificates were successful.

Mrs. J.C. Taft has filed suit against city of El Paso for $15,000, alleged damages caused by changiog the grade of a street.

At the national convention of United Daughters of the Confederacy, held in Houston, Mrs. Virginia McPerry of West Virginia was elected president generni.

D. A. Irish, a traveling man, was shot by a Mexican at Amarillo and wounded seriously. The bullet penetrated his breast and was extracted from his back.

The wholesome, harmless green leaves and tender stems of a lung healing mountainous shrub, give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its curative properties. Tickling or dry bronchial coughs quickly and safely yield to this highly effective cough medicine. Dr. Shoop assures mothers that they can with safety give it to even very young babes. No opium, no chloroform--absolutely nothing harsh or harmful. It calms the distressing cough and heals the sensitive membranes. Accept no other. Demand Dr. Shoop's. Sold by C B. Gunn.

The Roads of Norway.

A curious feature to travelers in the highroads of Norway is the great number of gates—upward of 10,000 in the whole country—which have to be opened. These gates, which either mark the boundaries of the farms or separate the home fields from the waste lands, constitute a considerable inconvenience and delay to the traveler, who has to stop his vehicle and get down to open them.

Money Comes in Bunches

to A A. Chisholm, of Treadwell, N. Y., now. His reason is well worth reading: "For a long time I suffered from indigestion, torpid liver, constipation, nervousness, and general debility," he writes. "I couldn't sleep, had no appetite, nor ambition, grew weaker every day in spite of all medical treatment. Then used Electric Bitters. Twelve bottles restored all my old-time heaith and vigor. Now I can attend to business every day. It's a wonderful medicine." Infallible for stomach, liver, kidneys, blood and nevers. 50c at Man & Simmons.

Executive committee of the Methodist Sunday School Association of Texas selected San Antonio as place and Aprtl 6, 7 and 8 as dates for the 1910 convention.

S. R. Peters of Alice, long the claim agent of the Texas-Mexican railway, was run over and killed by a train in Corpus Christi. He was largely interested in oil properties.

J. L. McGill, long connected with the Texas press, of recent years with first the Dallas News, then the Times Herald, fell a victim to the white plague in the tuberculosis hospital at Llano.

Suit has been filed at Wichita Falls by Alexander McKay and Murdo McKenzie against E. P. Swenson et al. for alleged damages of $400,000. Considerable west Texas land is involved.

Steamer Algonquin sailed for Key West from Galveston with several tons of provisions, donated by residents of Texas cities and towos for the relief of persons at the Florida city rendered destitute by the late hurricane.

When the revenue cutter Windom left Galveston for La Quinta to convey President Taft to Corpus Christi a report gained currency that she had gone in search of a rumored vessel manned by pirates.

Your cough annoys you. Keep on hacking and tearing the delicate membranes of your throat if you want to be annoyed. But if you want relief, want to be cured, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Sold by City Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

Ambergris.

The essential characteristic of ambergris is the penetrating and peculiar odor, similar to that of musk. It is so powerful and so illusive in its perfume that the most minute quantity when mingled with any other strong scent is still perceptible.

Hoarseness in a child subject to croup is a cure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given at once or even after the croupy cough has appeared, if will prevent the attack. Contains no poison. Sold by Clty Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

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The Southern Agriculturist offers more and better premiums to club raisers than any southern paper.

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It is the surest, safest, the most speedy and complete liver tonic and regulator in the whole field of medicine

It is a marvelous remedy. Its invigorating effect upon a torpid liver is little less than miraculous. It acts instantly. The first dose brings improvement; a few days' use cures the most obstinate case. Tired, weak, despondent victims of a torpid liver are restored almost in a day.

A BRILLIANT RECORD IN MALARIA It cures malaria, chills and ague by destroying the disease germs in the system and driving them out of the body. Where malaria is prevalent it is a faithful guardian of health. It puts stomach, liver and bowels in such fine condition that malarial germs cannot exist.

Every home should have a bottle of this great liver tonic and regulator. It stands for health for the whole family. The chill season is here and all those who are constipated, who have a torpid liver or digestive disorders will surely have trouble with that arch enemy of the race. Be prepared! Get in condition at once by taking Herbine and you can defy the disease.

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WOMAN AND FASHION

New Hats and Pins.

Paris hats, if anything, are more interesting even than Paris gowns. Each one possesses an individuality, and there are styles enough to suit all. There are immense models loaded with plumes and aigrets. There are models of moderate size, but what we would have called very large several years ago, and there are smaller models turned up at the side in a dashing way, but setting well down on the head. Wings and bows are pierced with odd pins, a popular idea being large horseshoe shaped heads of tortoise shell. Then there are heavy turbans with fur edges piled high with a mass of velvet and perhaps a beautiful buckle. The general effect is rich and heavy in the extreme.

New hatpins have heads in the shape of odd insects with great green or red eyes and iridescent wings. They are certainly lovely and immensely decorative.

Black is a prominent note in the new chapeau and is often combined with white. One smart hat, the same shape as the one shown in the sketch, is trimmed in a stunning manner with a tall white cockade placed on the side that is turned up against the crown. The model shown today is of black velvet trimmed with white plumes and is one of the new shapes seen on the Rue de Rivoli, Paris. Every Frenchwoman wears a veil carefully placed and the most becoming one she can find, which is usually quite conspicuous. They are always attractive, for most of the Frenchwomen are dark, and the large black hat and dark hair melt one into the other with perfect harmony and do not show the sharp contrast so noticeable with the lighter American type.

A BLACK VELVET MODEL.

Both Boys Saved

Louis Boon, a leading merchant of Norway, Mich., writes: "Three bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar absolutely cured my boy of a severe cough, and a neighbor's boy, who was so ill with a cold that the doctors gave him up, was cured by taking Foley's Honey and Tar." Nothing else is as safe and certain in results. Ford & Thomason.

A Stationery Fad.

Among young girls and others who like letter and note paper that is good taste, yet not the monotonous plain white, blue or gray that custom decrees, there is a fancy to use plaid or checked paper in self tones.

That sounds loud, but it really is not. Self colors only are used, as two shades of gray or a soft blur of white added. Sometimes this coloring is arranged in stripes, but the plaids are more popular.

There is a blue plaiding that is so indistinct that it looks almost like the markings of a plain gingham, nothing half so pronounced as a small shepherd's plaid.

These papers are almost invariably marked in self colors, or occasionally on the grays silvering lettering is used. Block initials are favorites. A new idea is to set these plain letters in a narrow oblong block. This is put directly in the middle of the paper about an inch from the top.

Frightful Fate Averted

"I would have been a cripple for life, from a terriqle cut on my knee cap," writes Frank Disberry, Kelliher Minn. "without Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which soon cured me." Infallible for wounds, cuts and bruises, it soon cures burns, scalds, old sores, boils, skin eruptions. World's best for Piles. 25c at Man & Simmons.

An Utter Wretch.

"Our engagement is broken," admitted the girl, "but I still have a tender feeling for him."

"You might as well cut it out," advised her friend. "He's going around bragging about his lucky escape."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Dizziness, spells of blindness, headache and sour stomach are caused by torpid liver and constipated bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters removes the cause of the trouble and puts the system in perfect order.

Worse and Worse.

She—Of course I'm not as old as you think I am. He—I hope not—I mean you can't be—that is how old are you?

What Dr. Nott Stated: I can, only in a few cases, grow hair on a bald head, but I can always save what you have, and I never failed to restcre gray hair to the vigor and color of youth.

The most beautiful face appears plain indeed if not crowned with a head of luxuriant hair. One of the greatest charms of a beautiful woman is her hair; no woman can be said to be a specimen of feminine beauty who has short, thin, scraggly hair. When we speak of a Delilah, we call to mind the image of some fascinating circe with long, wavy, luxuriant tresses. Falling hair as well as gray hair rings the death knell of feminine charm, beauty and vigor.

Q-Ban Hair Restorer will make gray-haired people look youthful, and after it has done its work no barber, physician or specialist can perceive that it is the work of art or medication. No woman need be without a luxuriant head of hair if she can obtain Q-Ban Hair Tonic. Falling hair it corrects after one or two applications, and it increases the strength, length, vigor and thickness of the hair.

Any druggist will assert, that if six bottles of Q-Ban Hair Restorer does not change gray hairs to a youthful color, and that, if both the Restorer and Tonic do not arrest falling hair, cure dandruff, etc., that your money will be refunded if you have used up to the sixth bottle. You know your druggist---ask him.

Man & Simmons recommend and sell these preparations. If you are gray haired or your hair is commencing to fade you can have the first 50c bottle of Q-Ban Hair Restorer free simply call and ask for it. For sale at all druggists.

Saving His Wind.

A highland athletic gathering was in full swing, and considerable interest centered in the chances of a local competitor who had entered for several events and confidently expected to win at least one of them. His first attempt was in that hardest of races the quarter mile, and he was easily defeated.

"Donal', Donal', exclaimed a supporter reprovingly, "why did ye no rin faster?"

"Rin faster," echoed Donald contemptuously, "an' me reserving masel' for the bagpipe competition."

Never Worry

about a cough---there's no need of worry if you will treat it at it's first appearance with Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It will stop the cough at once and put your lungs and throat back into perfectly healthy condition. Sold by Man & Simmons.

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Quits.

A little girl was in the habit of telling "stretchers." Her auntie told her she could never believe her and, to warn her, related the tale of the boy who called "Wolf, wolf!" and how the wolf really did come one day and ate up all the sheep.

"Ate the sheep?" asked the child.

"Yes."

"All of them?"

"Yes; all of them," answered auntie.

"Well," said the little one, "I don't believe you, and you don't believe me. So there!"—Harper's.

Porters of Smyrna.

The porters of Smyrna and Constantinople are very strong. They often carry weights of five to eight hundred pounds on their backs considerable distances. These men live almost entirely upon barley cakes, dried figs, peas and milk.

The Bed-Rock of Success

lies in a keen, clear brain, backed by indomitable will and resistless energy. Such power comes from the splendid health that Dr. King's New Life Pills impart. They vitalize every organ and build up brain and body. J. A. Harmon, Lizemore, W. Va., writes: "They are the best pills I ever used." 25c at Man & Simmons.

FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE

GET YOUR OXYGEN.

It is of the utmost importance that human beings have an abundance of oxygen at all times. This means day and night, summer and winter. It is scarcely necessary to give this sort of advice for the summer season; but when the weather gets cold many people are afraid of cold air and others think it is a waste of fuel to heat fresh, cold air, so they keep it out.

This is poor economy, to say the least. In fact, it costs more, as a rule; that is, if you figure your health and earning capacity as having any monetary value.

F. G. Fritz, Oneonta, N. Y., writes: "My little girl was greatly benefitted by taking Foley's Orino Laxative, and I think it is the best remedy for constipation and liver trouble." Foley's Orino Laxative is mild, pleasant and effective, and cures habitual constipation. Ford & Thomason.

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Come to the Carnival!

It's never too late to boost for Delightful Decatur.

Billy Taft had his possum grin on straight at Dallas.

Begin to count up the many things you have to be thankful for.

Take time to say a good word for your community. Every boost will bring its reward.

Keep your record straight with the Messenger. Your dollar on your subscription would be acceptable.

Every farmer in this vicinity should raise someting extra nice to put in the Wise county exhibit ae the state fair in 1910.

The state fair is this year better than ever. Grand Old Texas is certainly on display, and the products shown there rival the world.

The fellow who gets mad when the bill-collector comes around, or when he receives a "dun" thru the mail, doesn't dessrve credit---and he will not have it long.

With the coming of natural gas comes Decatur's golden opportunity for securing small factories. Cheap fuel is a great inducement, and our location is the best. Let's go after new enterprises.

Billy Bryan has crawled in behind Fort Commoner and is occasionally shooting his tariff pop-gun at Texas in general and Joe Bailey in particular. At intervals he is doctoring a severe cold, which he caught in Texas.

Senator Veal, of Amarillo, was in Decatur last Friday shaking hands with the voters and working in the interest of his candidacy for congress from this district. Mr. Veal is a very pleasant gentleman, and says he is going to give "Honest" John H. Stephens the race of his life.

This the first year in many when the high price of cotton has found much of the staple in the producer's hands. We are glad the farmer is now getting the benefit of the high market, for the hand that clothes and feeds the world deserves tbe best of everything.

Wise county, with her reasonably good crops is raking in the sheckles as a result of the bullish markets, while in less fortunate counties of the state thousands of farmers made no crops, and steps are being taken to carry them until another crop can be made.

It is probable that President Taft will retire after his first term on account of the ill health of his wife. That may mean four more years of Teddy, unless the Democrats can find a Moses to lead them out of the wilderness. Bryan has played out in the Moses role---he has the party more than ever hopelessly lost in the dense political forest.

While inspecting the fine farm exhibits from the various counties at the Dallas Fair, we could not supress a feeling of humiliation and shame at not seeing Wonderful Wise represented. All the displays are excellent and several of them were from the badly drouth-stricken regions. But even the best exhibits could have been equalled, if not surpassed, by a showing of products from this good county. It was an opportunity wasted, for thousands of people daily examine the displays, and the advertisement received by each is of untold benefit in the continual and increasing industrial development of tbis great state. It is time and past for Wise county to come to the front and show the seeking multitudes that we have the very best of everything. The Messenger will continue the campaign and strive even harder for a display at the next fair. Are you with us?

SAND

I observed a locomotive in the railroad yards one day,
It was waiting in the roundhouse where the locomotives stay;
It was panting for the journey, it was coaled and fully manned.
And it had a box the fireman was filling full of SAND.

It appears that locomotives cannot always get a grip
On their slender iron pavement, 'cause the wheels are apt to slip,
And when they reach a slippery spot their tactics they command
And to get a grip upon the rail they sprinkle it with SAND.

If your track is steep and hilly, and you have a heavy grade,
And if those who've gone before you have the rails quite slippery made:
If you ever reach the summit of the upper tableland,
You'll find you'll have to do it with a liberal use of SAND.

If you strike some frigid weather and discover to your cost
That you're liabel to slip on a heavy coat of frost,
Then some prompt, decided action will be called into demand,
And you'll slide clear to the bottom if you haven't any SAND.

You can get to any station that is on life's schedule seen,
If there's ffre beneath the boiler of ambition's strong machine,
And you'll reach a place called Richtown at a rate of speed that's grand
If for all the slippery places you've a good supply of SAND.---Caxton Magazine.

With the united effort of every business man and citizen of Decatur, this town could be made to continually grow in business and population. One horse could not move a stump, neith- can twenty, pulling one at a time; but with the united strength of twenty horses, the stump will come. So, the spasmodic spurt of one or two citizens or the unorganized efforts of many cannot compare with the united, all-together pull of a few.

Sonny, never be ashamed of your old-fashioned mother, or slight her because she is not as up-to-date or fashionable as that silly girl you feed on taffy. That old and wrinkled face was once beautiful and rosy---worry for you has caused the lines of care and tinged her once golden hair with gray; for love of you she has toiled thru weary years till her hands are withered and her form is bent beneath the weight of age, always longing and praying for your happiness and success. With all your devotion you could never half repay the debt of gratitude you owe your mother. Try to make her decling days the happiest of her life; throw the sweetest roses in her pathway that the evening of her life may go out in peace.

Still the beloved Banner of Alvord is crying because Decatur is a good cotton market. During the girastic contortions, which the Banner editor's mind has undergone, he has accidentally (?) fallen overboard into a sea of presumption, and is now claiming Alvord to be the best market in the whole wide, wide world. Such a travesty on truth, such a farce of facts!—as a bhrlesque writer, Butler, you are pre-eminent. Messenger only lays claim to facts. And we haven't noticed any great falling off of our cotton receipts from up Alvord way. In the meantime, Decatur continues to pay the farmer the very top of the market for his cotton. For honest prices, bring your cotton to "the city on the hill," whose light cannot be hidden.

C. R. Kluger, the jeweler, 1060 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I was so weak from kidney trouble that I could hardly walk a hundred feet. Four bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy cleared my complexion, cured my backache and the irregularities disappeared, and I can now attend to business every day and recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy to all sufferers, as it cured me after the doctors and other remedies had failed." Ford & Thomason.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS

Many a man is his own obstacle.

One of the things you can't get for nothing is experience.

The football player now begins to feel that he has a kick coming.

It is possible to turn a crank, but you can't always turn him down.

The young doctor must have patience before he can have patients.

It sometimes happens that a man's most prominent features are his feet.

A woman gets her theories out of reading novels; her facts out of raising babies.

You don't have to consult a bartender to discover that rye is the begining of riot.

Debt has a thousand doors, but few exits.

A rich man sometimes makes a poor husband.

Many a man has suffered from too many friends.

We will soon be looking for fall openings in chestnut burrs.

The value of experience depends on the interest we draw from it.

Look out for number one or you will find yourself a back number.

In football there's a difference between a sluggish player and one who lugs.

Some men seem to think they are so busy laying up treasures in heaven that they lay down on their work here. ---Philadelphia Record.

It is in time of sudden mishap or accident that Chamberlain's Liniment can be relied upon to take the place of the family doctor, who cannot always be found at the moment. Then it is that Chamberlain's Liniment is never found wanting. In cases of sprains, cuts, wounds and bruises, Chamberlain's Liniment takes out the soreness and drives away the pain. Sold by City Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

Some girls sing outwardly in the parlor and scold inwardly in the kitchen.

HIDDEN DANGERS

Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No Decatur Citizen Can Afford to Ignore.

Danger Signal No. 1 comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick red, illsmelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

Danger Signal No. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull and heavy or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the approach of dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently. Here's Decatur proof:

C. D. Cates, farmer, 2 1-2 miles north of Decatur, Texas, says: "About a year ago I was suffering from an attack of kidney trouble, the greatest annoyance being from too frequent passages of the kidney secretions. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I procured a box from C. B. Gunn's drug store. They helped me so greatly that I procured more and took in all the contents of about five boxes By the end of that time my condition was much better. I have no hesitation in recommending the remedy which brought about this benefit."

For sale by all dealers Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name---Doan's-and take no other

When a woman feels blue she weeps, when a man feels blue he "smiles."

How do you stand on our subscription books? If you owe us, we need the money. Come in and see.

If a woman has a diamond ring on her finger her back hair requires an awful lot of adjusting.

Cold Weather advice

to all is to beware of coughs and colds on the chest; as neglected they readily lead to pneumonia, consumption or other pulmonary troubles. Just as soon as the cough appears treat it with Ballard's Horehound Syrup the standard cure of America- Use as directed---perfectly harmless. A cure and preventive for all diseases of the lungs. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by Man & Simmons.

Many a man's veracity is unimpeachable until he acquires the fishing habit.

Letter to E. B. Moore,

Decatur, Texas.

Dear Sir: Here's the essence of Devoe;

Paint half your job Devoe, paint the other half whatever you like:

If Devoe half doesn't take less gallons and cost less money, no pay.

Yours truly,

92 F. W. DEVOE & Co.

P. S Ford & Thomason sell our paint.

Russell & Dallas

Pure Food Grocers

We will save you money on your supplies. You will always find just what you want in something good to eat at our store, at prices that defy competition. We will buy your cotton, hay, cattle, butter, eggs, chickens; in fact, anything you have in the produce line. We are sole agents for such distinct and celebrated lines as CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES AND TEAS, CLUB HOUSE COFFEES AND CANNED VEGETABLES, H. J. HEINZ & CO'S fine line of table condiments, ALBATROSS FLOUR. The finest in the world.

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT — OUR SERVICE THE BEST

Please command us when we can serve you. Thanking the good people of Decatur and Wise county kindly in advance for your continued co-operation, we are Yours greatfully,

RUSSELL & DALLAS

DECATUR, Both phones—17 TEXAS

Wall Paper

We can save you money on your paper. We have just received our Fall Stock. We have some nice patterns

From 10c to 40c per Bolt

Ford & Thomason, Decatur

Modern Business Methods Demand the Best

This is the reason the Oliver Typewriter sales exceed any other. The simplicity, durability and ease of operation, together with the greatest variety of different kinds of work that can be done on the Oliver make it THE machine for ALL KINDS of business. Has all the latest fsatures of all other machines and some features not found on ANY OTHER. Drop in and let me show you the many fine points of the Oliver.

C. C. HENDERSON

Local Agt., - Decatur

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas,
county of Wise by virtue of a certain alias execution issued out of the honorable justice court of precinct No. 1 Wise county, on the 25 day of October 1909, by T. H. Greer justice of the peace of said precinct against Olin Fields for the sum of sixty two dollars and 15 cents ($62.15) dollars and costs of suit, in case No. 2635 in said court, styled C. B. Beard versus Olin Fields and placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman constable of precinct No. 1 Wise county, Texas, did, on the 25 day of October 1909 levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit a certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Wise county, Texas, in the city of Decatur and being the west one half of lot No. 2 in block No. 4 of the original town of Decatur and levied upon as the property of said Olin Fields. And on Tuesday, the 7th day of December 1909, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said land and premises at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Olin Fields by virtue of said levy and said alias execution.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger a newspaper published in Wise county. Witness my hand, this 25th day of October 1909.

W. M. WORKMAN,
Constable precinct No 1, Wise county, Texas. Last time Nov. 12.

Dr. A. C. Bramlett,

Physician and Surgeon

OFFICE with Drs. Embry & Ford, Southwest corner square---up-stairs

England's Primate's Residence.

Lambeth palace can show specimens of almost every style of architecture which has prevailed since 1190

Stomach troubles would more quickly disappear if the idea of treating the cause, rather than the effect, would come into practice. A tiny, inside, hidden nerve, says Dr. Shoop, governs and gives strength to the stomach. A branch also goes to the heart, and one to the kidneys. When these "inside nerves" fail, then the organs must falter. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is directed specifically to these failing nerves. Within 48 hours after starting the Restorative treatment patients say they realize a gain. Sold by C. B. Gunn.

THEY HAVE MUZZLED

For the Safety of the public

Giant Boa Constrictor Snakes, Largest in Captivity, ALIVE!

Sampson 2d

OVER 30 FEET LONG, ALSO

TOBY

THE SACRED SNAKE

Beautiful—The Ladies' Favorite

In a trip to Africa and India show at Carnival see animals, rare birds and glass blowers all combined under one tent; for one ticket see all. First time ever in your city. Best in America. Nothing to ebual this great study of Natural history ever seen at Chicago or St, Louis expositions! circuses or any zoological gardsn. Best show at Carnival. Endorsed by press and public everywhere.

Money

In every community there is enough money in hiding to start a respectable bank.

This money is not only liable to be lost by theft or fire, but it is placed where it does not bring in any income to the holder, neither is it of any use to the public.

Deposit this "dead" money with us. Then it will get into circulation and be of some benefit to yourself and also to the community.

The more money there is in circulation, the cheaper the rate of interest; the easier it is to borrow, and the more prosperous the geneal business conditions.

CITY NATIONAL BANK

Decatur, Texas

The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

Arrive at Decatur

NORTH BOUND	SOUTH BOUND
No. 3— 9:25 a. m.	No. 8—5:22 a.m.
No. 1—11:00 a. m.	No. 6—6:20 a.m.
No. 5— 8:36 p. m.	No. 2—4:24 p.m.
No. 7—10:50 p. m.	No. 4—2:35 p.m.

News of Town and County

Joe Holt was in Rhome Saturday.

J. E. Neel was in Dallas Tuesday.

B. Martin, of Loving, was here this week.

1000 matches for 5c at the Nickel Store.

Edgar Turtley, Lubbock, was here this week.

E. L. Burns was here this week from Graham.

Miss Alma Gose visited in Alvord last week.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Smith, Oct. 22, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Myers, visited Dallas Tuesday.

Geo. Splawn was here from Greenwood Wednesday.

Don't forget the great cut on hardware at Lillard & Co.

Rev. J B. Tidwell, of Waco, was here Wednesday.

Will Moore was here from Knox City Wednesday.

Cotton brought as high as 14:40 in Decatur Wednesday.

Don't forget the great cut on hardware at Lillard & Co.

Mrs. Ed Baumgaertner has been quite sick this week.

Capt. J. A. Cummins, of Bowie, was here Wednesday.

SEE the complete line of heating stoves at Nickel Store cheap.

Calvin Rattliff was here trading from Boyd Wednesday.

Don't forget the great cut on hardware at Lillard & Co.

Russell & Dallas have two new delivery wagons running.

Judge J. L. Rudy, of Bowie, was a Decatur, visitor yesterday.

Judge S. G. Tankersley was here this week from Ft. Worth.

Miles Bennett and family of Childress are visiting in Decatur.

Alf Breckenridge and Tom Hamilton were here from Chico Tuesday.

Go to Frazer's for what you need new furniture being received daily.

Mrs. M. H. Thomason, of Waco, was here with relatives this week.

Come and see the great carnival ---Lots to enjoy every day---come!

John T. Woods has returned from Dallas and is with Bellah & Sons.

To the big autumn sale at Jones Dry Goods Co., you'll save big money.

Seed cotton has been selling for 5:15 cents on the Decatur market this week.

You have to work hard for your money. Jones Dry Goods Co. gives you the most of the best for the least.

Bring us in some wood on subscription—stove wood, cord wood, heater wood, any old kind of wood.

Rev. E. B. Moore was in Denton last week in the interest of Decatur college.

If you want to keep warm buy a "Hot Time" heating stove at Lillard & Co.

If you are particular about your barber work, try Roe and Bob. They can please you.

Miss Kate McConnell, of Greenville, is here the guest of the family of her brother, Lee.

It takes but little time to examine and price our goods. Jones Dry Goods Co.

Giant Snakes kill and swallow turkeys, pigs, chickens, at 8 o'clock Friday night.

Lillard & Co. is the place to go if you want the best stove made for little money.

Watch the crowds that's buying their fall bills at Jones Dry Goods Co. It tells the tale.

Mrs. M. A. Shaw and daughter, Miss Bessie, left Tuesday for an extended visit to Ennis.

The best and most complete line of iron beds ever shown in Decatur at Frazer's.

Mrs. Walter Gililland and children leave Saturday for a visit to ElPaso and Mexico.

The daily high dive, loop the gap, baloon ascencion have been drawing good crowds to Decatur this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Paschall, of Deep Creek, visited relatives here Monday and Tuesday.

Lillard & Co. will sell you a Hot Time stove about as cheap as you can buy the so-called "just-as-good."

Geo. Goff, formerly of Decatur, died in Oklahoma Tuesday. Mr. Goff was in business at Denison at the time of his death.

We carry the largest and most complete stock in Wise county. We are making the prices. Jones Dry Goods Co.

Marriage licenses: J. L. Jacobs to Miss Luna Gossett; Isbell Auary to Miss Evana Sliger; F. M. Laird to Miss Hattie Harris.

While all classes of goods are advancing in prices. "Jones" sells below the old price.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. Funk, of Fort Worth, will preach at both services.

The most complete line of furniture, stoves, queensware, glassware, tinware and everything you need in your house at lowest prices at Frazer's.

Giant snakes. Feed Friday night on turkeys, chickens and pigs. In animal bird anp glassblowers combined shows ten and fifteen cents sees all under one tent.

We are easy on your pocket book. Try us. Jones Dry Goods Co.

Capt. H. E. Brady goes to Bowie tomorrow to drill the new company at that place, which has just received its new uniforms and guns.

Don't forget to see the "Hot Time" heating stoves at Lillard & Co. before you purchase.

F. I. Barton, of Altus, Okla., came down this week to move his family and effects to his new home at Altus. Mr. Barton has been appointed carrier on route No. 7 at that place.

$7.50 Worth of Photos for $4.00

THAT'S OUR PROPOSITION FOR OCTOBER ONLY

With a dozen of our regular $4.00 Photos we will give you absolutely FREE a 16x20 Platino Photo, and to first 12 customers who accept this offer in October, will frame the free picture in nice frame free; regular price of picture and frame $3.50, making $7.50 worth for only $4.00. Be quick and get picture and frame FREE.

Bunnell Art Co. Decatur, Tex.

The Decatur military company, forty-five strong went to Dallas Saturday, where they guarded the line of march of President Taft on the fair grounds.

Frazer has a complete line of cook and heating stoves at lowest prices. See those $30.00 and $35.00 ranges, cook stoves $12.00 and up.

Largest boa-constrictor snakes, feed on live turkeys, pigs, chickens, 8 o'clock Friday night. In animal, bird and glassblowers. At carnival. Admission ten and fifteen cents.

Ambrose Stephens, of Haskell county, was here this week. Mr. Stephens is a native of this county, the son of the late Capt. George Stephens, an old pioneer and captain of the rangers.

The Decatur Lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias, has purchased very handsome regalia for the officers of the lodge, which is on display in the show window at Jones Dry Goods Co. The garments are of very fine material.

Wanted, every man and woman in Wise county to call at Frazer's; they will supply you with everything needed in your house.

A "Hot Time" stove will burn less fuel and last longer than any stove of its kind made. Lillard & Co. is the only place where you can buy the genuine Hot Time stoves.

Don't forget that Chas; Vance is still agent for the best steam laundry in Texas. He is paying his and sister's expenses in school and will appreciate your patronage.

Mrs. Nick Roberts died last Wednesday evening at her home in Decatur, after a severe illness of pneumonia. She leaves a husband and child to mourn her untimely death. Mrs. Roberts was formerly Miss Jennie Willis.

The newly-dressed show window at the Peninger, Helm & Dillehay hardware store is very attractive and has drawn much attention. The display is very artistic and gives the store front a real city appearance. It was prepared by Elmer Helm.

Rev. K. R. Isbell left Wednesday for Georgetown to attend the Southwestern university. Rev. Isbell has for some time been pastor of Decatur Methodist circuit, and has done much good and made many friends among us.

George Foster and Warner Williams have purchased the Fields Livery stable, and have taken charge of same under the firm name of Williams & Foster. The stable will be moved from its present location to the iron wagon yard stand just north of the square.

Thousands of dollars will be lost this winter from horses dying of blind staggers I can save you one half the loss by insuring your stock in The Indiana & Ohio Live stock Insurance company, a good company strong and conservative. Twenty-five years in the business. Rates are reasonable compared to the loss of your horse. Geo. W. Ragsdale, Agent.

W. G. Moses living near town, has brought in some Egyptian wheat or corn, raised on his farm, which is supposed to be the same grain Joseph gave to his brethren in Egypt. The grain somewhat resembles wheat and grows on a stalk like cane. Several stalks grow from one seed, and the yield is from 300 to 400 bushels per acre. Experts say it is fine feed and will make good flour. The grain is on display at Snyder's grocery.

The house on Ed Baumgaertner's farm just west of town burned last Sunday. The house was occupied by Charley Simpson, who lost everything he had in the fire. When the house burned Mr. Simpson and family were attending church, and when they returned their home and household goods were in ashes. No insurance on house or goods. Origin of fire unknown.

I represent some of the best fire insurance companies on earth and would like to insure your property, either in town or in the country, if in the country phone or write me and I will inspect your property and allow you the most liberal terms that can be given and do a safe business, and in case of a loss I will use my influence to see that you get a fair settlement. The fire loses have been enormous this year and it is not surprising if the utuals are small companies all drop out. Take none but the best. But don't fail to take the best. Better to have insurance and have no loss than to have a loss and have no insurance. Geo. W. Ragsdale, Agent.

Among those who visited Dallas Saturday and Sunday were: Tom Ball, W. A. Bunnell, C. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helm, Robert Carswell, M. B. Smith, Misses Erma Holt, Jewel Ingram, Willie Stegall, Ennard Martin, Willie Cooper, Walker Patterson, Zack Lillard, Albert Devereux, Frank Alexander, Lawrence Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lewis, Mrs. W. C. Vastine, Sam Ford, Paul Payne, Henry Hobbs, Tully Fields, Holley Renshaw, Cil Hardwick, Tom Rosenburg, Tom Vastine, Geo. Malcomb, John Gunn, Dave Dickson, John J. Schnabel, Archie Morris, Lowe and Jimmy McCaskey, Shelton Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wade, Mrs. C. D. Cates, Cliff Cates, L. W. Tyler, Speed Taylor, Homer Rhine, H. E. Brady and children, Misses Myrtle Gage and Bessie Madden, Embry Williams, Newt Barker, Miss Fay Ingram, Earl and Fred Standley, Sunset Boone, Carol Gentry, John Goff.

5000 new up-to-date post cards just received at City Bakery.

What's The Use of Raising Cotton?

There is some pleasure, of course, in seeing cotton grow, but the real reason for raising cotton is to sell it for money.

When you raise cotton and get money for it, there is always danger that the money may be lost, unless you put it in a safe place.

If you are raising cotton, corn or anything else that grows on a farm, you are liable to loose all the results of your labor, unless you place in safety the money that comes from it.

We offer you a safe place for the money that arises from your crops, and if you are a customer of ours, you will always have a strong friend, able and willing to help you between times when you need money to make crops.

If you are raising cotton or anything else that grows, and if you want to place the money that resules therefrom in safety, and if you want pecuniary assistance and advice that will be of advantage to you, we invite you to become a customer of this bank.

With a record of Twenty-six Years of Continuous Service in your midst, we feel as though we are not an experiment but the REAL THING. We invite your account.

First National Bank

Decatur, Texas

Capital and Surplus, - - - $111,937.00

NOT AN EXPERIMENT

Over a Million of Cole's Patented Stoves in Use in America Today.

Readers of this paper should not get the idea that Cole's Hot Blast is in any sense an experiment. It has been proved supreme over all heating stoves by years of use by hundreds of thousands of customers. Their annual output of the famous Cole's Hot Blast from Chicago, the Original, is 60,000 stoves. They are in use in every state of the Union in the homes of capitalists and wage earners, and the most enthusiastic testimonials are received at the factory of the Cole Manufacturing Co. in Chicago every day.

The reason the Cole's Hot Blast is three times over the biggest selling soft coal heater is because the patented features that make it remarkable are controlled by the Cole Manufacturing Co., and, therefore, could not be used on any other stove.

So Cole's Hot Blast is backed by its astounding guarantee only after the manufacturers have proved in thousands of cases absolutely everything they guarantee.

We have a letter from the President of the Cole Manufacturing Co. authorizing us to guarantee every purchaser of Cole's Hot Blast in this way:

Cole's Hot Blast is guaranteed to reduce the fuel bill a third over any lower draft stove of the same size; guaranteed to hold fire from Saturday night until Monday morning; guaranteed to have a smoke proof feed door; guaranteed to remain air tight as long as used; guaranteed to give uniform heat day and night with soft coal, hard coal or lignite; guaranteed to use less hard coal for heating a given space than any base burner with same size fire pot, and guaranteed to heat the rooms from one to three hours in the morning with the fuel put in the day before (which does away with kindling or rebuilding the fire each morning).

This is making a great heater business for us, and should at least induce every reader of this paper to see them before buying their heater this winter.

Signed

Peninger, Helm & Dillehay.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents Per Line

LOST—Pair gold rimmed glasses in Decatur. Suitable reward for return to this office or J. P. Hayter.

SEWING WANTED—I solicit plain sewing of all kinds. Mrs. Effie Privitt, North Main Street, Decatur. (2wks)

NOTICE—My pasture is posted and all hunters' are warned to keep out and avoid trouble on both sides. N. E. Young.

FOR SALE—Good team mules, 15 1-2 hands high, 6 years old, for $350. S. F. Renshaw, Decatur, Tex. Rt. 7. (2w)

WANTED—80 to 100 acres in cultivation, improvement, $2500 to $3500. Call on or write J. T. Faith, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—Steel range cook stove, several heating stoves, nice dining table and side board. Dr. A. C. Bramlett, Decatur.

LOST—A $10 bill, on north side square Thursday evening, Oct. 7, at 6:30. Return to this office and receive reward.

LOST—Female Pointer, liver-spotted, leather collar, T. W. B. on tin; reward $2.50. Tom Brumlow, Decatur. It

BOARDERS WANTED—I have nice comfortable rooms near the square, and would like about six boarders, either young men or ladies. Mrs. S. Caraway, at Shoemaker old home.

Johnson grass pasture close to depot for rent. Inquire of R. G. Hobson. (tf)

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TRAVELING WITH TAFT

[Special Correspondence.]

For four days the capital of the United States was located at Gregory, Tex., one of the small towns on Charles P. Taft's ranch. The stop afforded a fine opportunity for the president to recuperate from the fatigue of his long trip. There was real seclusion for him, as only a few of the members of his party accompanied him to the home of his brother. The newspaper men had headquarters several miles from the ranch, and the only communication was by private telegraph and telephone.

Army of Men Employed.

During his stay on the ranch President Taft went over the big place pretty thoroughly in automobiles, several of which were at his disposal. This 125,000 acre tract of land and its various interests and industries are divided into several different departments, which give employment at this time to about 225 men.

Even the cowboys here have lost their picturesqueness. They live in little communities scattered over the ranch, each of which has direct connection by telephone with La Quinta residence, where Mr. Green, the manager, resides. These cowboys are steady, industrious men whose chief work is to see that the wire fences are kept in repair.

Land Values Enhanced.

It was upon this ranch that the first extensive experiments and practical demonstration of farming in this part of the state were made, and as a result of the wonderful success in this line the value of the land has increased from $3 and $4 an acre to $40 and $50, all within the last five years. It was the common theory before these experiments were begun that dry land farming could not be successfully carried on in this part of Texas. Since it has been proved that it is one of the best farming regions in the state hundreds of thousands of acres of ranch lands have been divided into smaller tracts and placed in cultivation. Mr. Taft sold 64,000 acres off his ranch adjacent to Sinton to farmers, still leaving 125,000 acres, none of which is for sale.

Winding Up In Texas.

The president left his brother's ranch Friday night, Oct. 22, at 7:20 o'clock, making an easy run to Houston, where he started his "one night stands." Houston was a brief stop. He arrived there at 7:10 a. m., leaving at 10:30 a. m. The program at Houston included a breakfast by the prominent business men, after which the president made a public address. Many of the residents of Galveston joined in the celebration at Houston.

From Houston the president made a daylight run to Dallas, the north Texas metropolis. The Dallas chamber of commerce sent a delegation of a hundred business men to Houston as an escort to the president while traveling in their city. The president reached Dallas at 5:30 p. m., Oct. 23. A half hour later he made an address at the Dallas fair grounds, which is the home of the largest state fair in the south.

The president remained in Dallas overnight, leaving there for St. Louis on Oct. 24.

Down the Mississippi.

When the presidential party reached St. Louis it included Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon. The plans for the visit and the trip down the river to New Orleans, where the president will attend the fourth annual convention of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway association, had all been arranged some time before. The president was met at the train by a large reception party and taken to breakfast at the Hotel Jefferson.

At 10 o'clock the president spoke at the new Coliseum at a meeting for which 15,000 invitations had been issued. At noon luncheon was served at the Planters hotel, and at 4 o'clock the party went to East St. Louis, Ill., to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new federal building in that city.

Returning at 5 o'clock, the presidential party boarded the steamer Mississippi and started on the down river trip. Six torpedo boat destroyers acted as escort en route to New Orleans. More than thirty river steamers, many of them carrying delegates to the waterways convention, were in the fleet.

At Cairo and Memphis.

The first stop was made at Cape Girardeau, where elaborate preparations had been made for entertaining the men of the fleet. At Cairo, Ill., Mr. Taft stepped from the upper deck of his steamer on to the upper deck of the wharf boat, where he was met by the reception committee and escorted to a stand built on the lower stage of the wharf boat, facing the levee slope, which gave the president a fine speaking position and a location which amply accommodated an audience of 50,000. Mayor George Parsons, who had charge of the Cairo end of Taft's visit, had the Fourth regiment of Illinois guards and the Danville battery there for the occasion.

The party arrived at Memphis after breakfast on the morning of Oct. 27 and at 8:30 o'clock, after the exchange of civilities on board the presidential steamer, the civic committee, headed by Governor Patterson and Mayor Malone and including a vast array of distinguished Tennesseans, conducted Mr. Taft to the Y. M. C. A. building, which the president dedicated.

Then, steaming down the river, with brief stops at Helena, Ark.; Vicksburg and Natchez, Miss., and Baton Rouge, La., the party will reach New Orleans on the morning of Oct. 30. Among other things during the waterways convention President Taft will open the French opera season and be the guest of honor at a midnight fete at the City park.

CARL SCHOFIELD.

The purgative effect experienced by all who use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and the healthy condition of the body and mind which they create, makes one feel joyful. Sold by City Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

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"Have I passed the examination?" inquired the would be policy holder.

"No, I'm sorry to say," replied the insurance agent.

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"Not on your life!"

Fall colds are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. The genuine contains no harmful drugs. Ford & Thomason.

Down to a Fine Point.

A woman is never as old as the woman next door would like to have the other neighbors believe.

A woman is never as old as she has to believe herself.

A woman is never as old as the family Bible unfeelingly testifies.

A woman is never as old as she looks to her growing daughters.

A woman is never old, anyway, if she is wise.

A woman is always wise.

Therefore she is

Never, never

Old.—Boston Herald.

WASTE OF THE FARMER.

Agricultural Reform the Most Urgent of Modern Problems.

George T. Powell recently wrote a letter on "The Farmer's Wastefulness" which was printed in one of the secular dailies. He declares that "the most urgent problem before our nation today is not the tariff, but the prevention of the great wastefulness in agricultural methods that occurs everywhere in the United States and the dissemination of scientific information that shall lead to soil restoration and improvement." The proposition is irrefutable.

Responsible authorities have estimated the amount of the food bill of the American people at a little more than $12,000,000,000 a year. That both the first cost and the retail price of most of the articles on the list could be and should be materially reduced there can be no question.

As Mr. Powell declares, very few of our farmers have even a vague notion of the cost of the products. The makers of farm implements, of clothing, hats, shoes, furniture and other articles bought by farmers, know to the fraction of a cent the cost of the merchandise. There are and there can be no wasteful or haphazard methods in manufacturing or in commercial business. The inevitable penalty of indifference to cost in those lines is failure. Except in rare instances, no other methods are followed on the farm. In that industry it is not the producer upon whom the penalty falls. The consumer pays for the waste, indifference and ignorance of the producer.

Because of sundry legends handed down from generation to generation there is a general belief that a farmer's life is of arduous and poorly requited toil. Much of that belief is utter nonsense. The average farmer works harder today than does the average man in any other line of industry. His reward is determined chiefly by the intelligence which he applies to his operations.

Elm Has a Cancer.

The famous Bertram elm in Salem, Mass., has a cancer. It was noticed for some time that no cavities showed on the elm. This was proof to the experienced eye that there was decay inside the tree.

An investigation showed that the elm had a cancer on the inside, which, if allowed to grow, would kill the tree in a few years. Incisions were made and portions of the inside were found to be punk. Tiny roots had begun spreading inside this growth. Efforts are now being made to remove the cancer.

This elm is famed for its size and beauty. The trunk measures twenty-seven feet in circumference, and its age has been reckoned as 100 years. The estate was formerly the home of Captain John Bertram, one of Salem's famous merchants of olden days.

Irish Potatoes.

Late Irish potatoes can be planted in July. No potato crop yields more bountifully than the late Irish potato crop when the months of August and September have a good rainfall. In fact, one good soaking rain the first part of September will insure a good crop of potatoes. The fall grown potatoes are much more prolific and freer from a strong and oftentimes acrid taste than those grown in the spring. A frequent practice among potato growers and a very injurious one to potatoes is to put strong, fresh stable manure in the furrow when the potatoes are dropped before covering them with plow. Such an application not only produces scab on the potatoes, but often makes them waxy, impairing their flavor and reducing their quality for the market and for home consumption as well.

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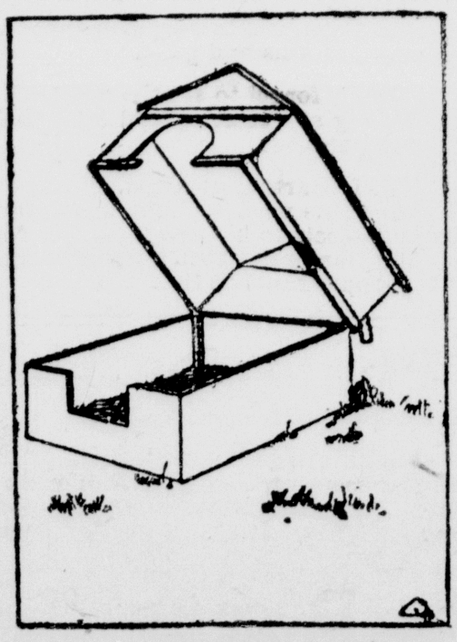
Take Care of the Dog.

A New Jersey man with an eye to the health and comfort of our canine friend has invented a kennel which will make the dog's life a happier one. The kennel is made in two parts, and the top section opens on a hinge so that the straw may be aired every day and quickly changed when necessary. Studs on the lower portion fit into plates on the lower part so that the whole is a firm structure when closed. Animals as well as human beings are healthier when they live in clean surroundings, and it is important that their bedding should be aired and kept clean. With the new kennel it is easy to open the top each day and let the sunlight and fresh air purify the straw upon which the animal sleeps at night. People who have dogs for which they have real affection and who indulge these pets to a sometimes foolish degree seldom think of paying ordinary attention to hygienic laws which they accept as absolutely necessary in the case of humans.



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PRESIDENT IS DELIGHTED.

At Houston He Is Most Hospitably Treated, Greeted at Several Other Places and Great Demonstration at Dallas.

Dallas, Oct. 25.—When the special train bearing the presidential party arrived at Houston Saturday morning thousands greeted the distinguished visitors. The school children, lined up for ten blocks on Main street, were first reviewed. The Rice hotnl was next visited. Mayor Rice delivered the address of welcome and introduced Miss Katie Daffan, president of Texas division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who after appropriate remarks pinned the Confederate colors, including a flag, upon his coat lapel. The chief executive expressed his appreciation and praised the south and her citizens. From the hotel balcony he addressed what he referred to as "several acres of people." Reference was made to battlefield of San Jacinto being not far off and of part city of Houston taken in the early days of Texas as a republic and state.

En route to Dallas brief addresses were made at Prairie View, Hempstead, College Station, Hearne and Bremond. At Corsicana so hoarse was the president's voice he called upon Secretary Dickinson to address the many hnndreds gathered at the Central depot.

When the train, which was run out to the fair ground sat Dallas, stopped, thousands were linded up at entrance and mighty was the demonstration with which Mr. Roosevelt's successor was received. In automobiles party entered the gates and proceeded to the grand stand, before which the chief guest spoke to an audience that not only filled the grand stand but massed back of the race track. It is estimated the number inside aud outside grounds was nearly 100,000. President's voice was still weak, but he managed to talk loud enough to be heard by a number. State Fiar of Texas he declared the best of the kind he had seen. He also spoke of Texas' immense area, saying it seemed to him he had traveled one million miles since entering her domaiu. In eight automobiles the party went down Main street. Sidewalks were packed with people and cheering was frequent. At Field street a turn was made for Commerce. The Oriental hotel, the objective point, was soon reached. Here "a simple diuner," witb covers laid for about 250 guests, was served. Bishop A. C. Garrett in eloquent language welcomed President Taft to Dallas. The divine spoke of Texas' history from her discovery in 1685 by La Salle and her wonderful growth in population. Reference was made to the reclamation of lands subject to overflow. Attention was called to the six flags the state had been under—French, Spanish, Mexican, Lone Star (when a republic), Confederate States and United States.

When the president rose to reply he was ovated. The bishop was thanked for his gracious words. "We aue getting closer and closer," he said, "and I think it is a good sign of individual and commercial prosperity." He complimented the Episcopal prelate on his knowledge of the state. "If he left out anything that the general government should attend to in Texas I will call on Senator Culberson to point to them, as it has escaped me."

Presidential party spent the night on the train, departing next morning for St- Louis.

While the military was keeping the throngs from the ropes P. Reichinstein, a deputy county clerk, had a wound from a bayonet, it piercing his body, in the gun of Sergeant Manley of the Third Texas regiment Reichstein soon expired. He leaves a widow and four children The sergeant was put under arrest.

Shortly after his arrival and while the guest of Mrs. Philip Lindsley, his sister, Secretary of War Dickinson was summoned to Nashville, Tenn., his home by important business

Huge Land Deal.

Albany, Tex., Oct. 25.—Webb & Hall of this city, representing Sam Lazarus, sold the larger part of his 50-section ranch in this county and leased the balance for a term of years to W. H. Driggers of Chickasha, Okla. The sale includes 2,500 head of fine cattle and the consideration is over $150,000 and nearly all a cash transaction, It is one of the best known ranches in this section. Colonel Lazarus retains his excellent race horses.

Child Eats Match Heads.

Caldwell, Tex., Oct. 25.—The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox accidentally got hold of some matches and ate the heads. She soon became very sick and died in a few hours. A negro woman saw the little one eating the match heads, but did not know they were poison until it was too late to save her life.

SEES CATTLE AND COTTON

Also Visits Town Named After Him and Praises Place.

Gregory, Tex., Oct. 24.—The president mounted on a pony saw a round-up of hundreds of cattle and also the throwing and tying of steers by many cowboys.

A visit was made to Taft, named in the chief executive's honor. He was introduced by his brother. He praised the people and said he was glad largest building was the schoolhouse. In speaking of ranch life he said he had long since been offered the job of raising calves on the Taft ranch by David Sinton, his sister-in-law's father, but the amount he might earn would not be sufficiently attractive. He said the town was named after his brother. "It is a pretty good thing, both in business and politics," he said, "to have it 'Taft.' That only takes fous letters to spell It. It saves time both in expression and writihg."

A gin was visited and the process of ginning explained. The party then inspected the slaughter house, whose daily capacity is fifteen beeves. Next the schoolhouse was visited and the teacher and thirty-five pupils lined up at the gate to welcome the president. His speech was made iuside.

The many visitors to Taft soon exhausted the soda pop stock of the one store Many came from Sinton.

SUBSTANTIAL SEQUEL.

Former Sweetheart Leaves Much to Arkansas Lady.

Jonesboro, Ark., Oct. 24.—Mrs. J. D Ervin, wife of a Greene county farmer, has been bequeathed an estate valued by the executor, R. E. L. Goff, a Kentucky attorney, at $4,000,000. He came here to establish necessary proof of Mrs. Ervin being the legatee, but will not reveal the name of the dead millionaire.

Some years ago, so starts the story, Mrs. Ervin, then Miss Mary Duval, met a young German, who told her of vast ancestral estates. They became fast friends, but because of objections on the wart of her parents the marriage which he proposed did not take place. Instead, she became the wife of a farmer. Recently the man first seeking her hand died, naming in hie will as his sole legatee his former dear one. Mrs. Erviu says she will have no trouble establishing her identity. She resided with her parents at Caruthersville, Mo., when she met the young German.

Murray Sues Several.

San Antonio, Oct. 24.—John Murray, jailed during President Taft's visit to this city, bas filed suit for $25,000 damages against John E. Wilkie, chief of the United States secret service department; Joe Priest, a local detective, and Fred H. Lancaster, a deputy United States marshal. Murray alleges he was imprisoned under a false charge. He is secretary of the Political Refugees' Defense league and was arrested charged with violating the neutrality laws. He was released on accouat of lack of evidence.

Orders Ten Engines.

San Angelo, Tex., Oct. 25.—Order for ten new engines has been placed by the Orient railway. Additional freight train service is to be installed at once. The passenger traffic is also making rapid advancement, it being constantly on the increase.

Large Lot Purchase.

Cleburne, Tex., Oct. 25.—T. J. McKinnon of Livingston bought in a local addition sixty-three lots.

Rules on the Clermont.

At the head of regulations for the "North river steamboat" (Clermont) was this paragraph: "The rules which are made for order and neatnefs in the boat, are not to be abufed. Judgment fhall be according to the letter of the law. Gentlemen wifhing well to fo public and ufeful an eftablifhment, will fee the propriety of ftrict juftice, and the impropriety of the leaft impofition on the purfe or feelings of any individual."

One of the rules on the Clermont read: "It is not permitted for any person to lie down in a birth with their boots or shoes on under a penalty of one dollar and a half and half a dollar for every half hour they may offend against this rule."—New York Post.

Great Droughts.

The first great drought on record happened in 678 and the two succeeding years, when, according to the records, there was practically no rainfall in England. In 879 the springs in England were dried up, and it was impossible for men to work in the open air. In 993 and 994 the nuts on the trees were "roasted as if in an oven."

Preliminary Bout.

Maude—When does your breach of promise suit come up in court? Clara—To-to-tomorrow m-morning. Maude—There, dear, don't cry. I'm sorry to see you so overcome. Clara—Oh, I'm not overcome; I'm merely practicing for the jury.—Chicago News.

Well Bred.

"That's a well bred child."

"You bet she is. Never corrects her parents publicly, no matter what the exigencies of the case may be."—Pittsburg Post.

Gathering Data.

"An explorer certainly ought to acquire enough material for a lecture."

"That's my wife's aim when she explores my pockets."—Kansas City Journal.

The Natural Place.

He—What is the latest topic of household interest, my dear?

She—Oh, the fall housecleaning just now is on the carpet.—Baltimore American.

A Song.

[After Bourdillon.]

Poland has a thousand Poles
And the earth but two,
Yet about one of these
There's a how-de-do.

A bean patch has a thousand poles
And the earth but two.
Somebody has found one,
But who knows who?
—Carolyn Wells in Judge.

Slightly Colder with Snow

When you see that kind of weather forecast you know that rheumatism weather is at hand. Get ready for it now by getting a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing made for rheumatism, chilblains, frost bite, sore and stiff joints and muscles, all aches and pains. 25c, 50c and $1.00 a bottle. Sold by Man & Simmons.

Had to Wait For It.

"You look like a wreck today, Anna! Have you been sitting up all night again reading a novel?"

"Yes, madam. It was such a beautiful story, but they didn't get married till nearly 5 o'clock this morning."—London Telegraph.

Served as coffee, the new coffee substitute known to grocers everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee, will trick even a coffee expert. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Pure healthful toasted grains, malt, nuts, etc., have been so cleverly blended as to give a wonderful satisfying coffee taste and flavor. And it is "made in a minute," too! No tedious 20 to 30 minutes boiling. Test it and see. Dr. Shoop created Health Coffee that the people might have a genuine coffee substitute, and one that would be thoroughly satisfying in every possible respect. Sold by Russell & Dallas.

Presence of Mind.

"Yes," mused the returned arctic explorer, "at one time we came within an inch of freezing to death. Luckily, however"—

He gazed reflectively at the ceiling.

"We had the presence of mind to fall into a heated discussion."

Hamlet

had melancholy, probably caused by an inactive liver. A bad liver makes one cross and irritable, causes mental and physical depression and may

An Old Indian Drum.

The Sioux Indians formerly had a conjurer's drum, which they called wakanchanchagha. It was used on religious and ceremonial occasions, had two heads, frequently decorated with crude pictures of animals, and was beaten with great vigor for the purpose of appeasing the wrath of their offended deities or of contributing to the recovery of the sick.

Ballard's Herbine is acknowledged to be the perfect liver regulator. If you're blue and out of sorts, get a bottle to-day. A positive cure for bilious headache, constipation, chills and fever and all liver complaints. Sold by Man & Simmons.

A Polished Rascal.

Mrs. Blum (archly)—And you are quite sure, Mr. Hibbs, that you can stand me as a mother-in-law? Mr. Hibbs—My dear Mrs. Blum, it was for the very purpose of acquiring you as a mother-in-law that I fell in love with your daughter.

Read This

Decatur, Tex., this certifies that I have sold Hall's Texas Wonder for the cure of all kidney, bladder and rheumatic troubles, for years and have never had a complaint. It always gives quick and permanent relief.
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To quickly check a cold, druggists are dispensing everywhere, a clever Candy Cold Cure Tablet called preventics. Preventics are also fine for feverish children. Take Preventics at the sneeze stage, to head off all colds. Box of 48---25c. C. B. Gunn.

A Sure Sign.

City Visitor—How do you know this tree is a dogwood? Suburbanite—I can tell by its bark.—Baltimore American.

A pain prescription is printed upon each 25c box of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Ask your doctor or druggist if this formula is not complete. Head pains, womanly pains, pains anywhere get instant relief from a Pink Pain Tablet. C. B. Gunn.

Real Estate
FOR SALE

No. 1—215 acres, 75 in cultivation, 40 acres in timber, 100 acres of grass; all well fenced, 3-acre hog pasture, 6-room house, 3-room tenant house, good barn, two splendid wells, everlasting running creek on place, one mile from church; 5 miles from Decatur.

No. 3—4-room house, lot 60x95, good water, shade trees; one block of public square, Decatur.

No. 6—50 acre farm, new sandy land; 30 acres in cultivation, 10 acres in meadow, 10 acres in good timber, 5-room house, good barn, 3 wells; gin joining property; 5 miles south of Decatur, 1 mile of school and church; $2,000; one-half cash, balance to suit purchase".

No. 7—Six room, two-story residence, good condition, two porches, lot 100x270, fine shade trees and good orchard; good barn; four blocks from public square, paved street, splendid neighborhood. A bargain for 90 days, then it goes off the market.

No. 8—Bakery and Confectionery in Decatur; soda fountain, electric fans, cash register costing $150, curtains, partitions, carpets, chairs, tables, eight show cases, electric and gasoline lights, brick oven and com plete bakery tools, $1,200. Stock on hand invoiced at actual cost. Best stand in town, business increasing.

No. 9—Seven-room house, good barns and outhouses, good water, fenced, splendid location, on good street; will trade or sell on easy terms

No. 10—184 acres, three and half miles from Decatur, 100 acres in cultivation, balance pasture, good well, everlasting running creek, new 5-room house, good 4-room tenent house, good outhouses: $30 acre.

No. 11—18 acres of land, one-fourth mile from town, 8 acres of tilable land good 4-room house with pantry, 3 porches, good sheds and lots, storm house and well; fenced and cross-fenced. $800 cash.

No. 12—207 acres, about 50 in cultivation, 35 acres of timber, rest in good pasture, good hay meadow, 3-room box house, barns, splendid well, good fences, 1-4 mile of school and church, 3 miles from Decatur, close to public road. $22 1-2 per acre; part down, balance on easy terms.

No. 13—122 acres, 60 acres of bottom land in cultivation, 15 acres of upland in cultivation, rest in timber and prairie glades, good 3-room house with hall, sheds, storm house, good well, everlasting creek, a fine dairy farm. Take this at $20 per acre

No. 14—221 acres, 50 in cultivation, 150 in pasture, 15 acres of woodland, 6-room house, hall and porches, fine well of water, windmill, etc, everything convenient, 1-4 mile of church and school, good 3-room tenent house, 5 miles from Decatur. This is your chance. Write us about it; half down, balance to suit you.

No. 14—257 acres, 155 in cultivation, balance in timber and pasture, 7-room house, good well, everlasting water, 3 double-log barns, 50 bearing apple trees, 100 peach trees, good 3-room tenant house on farm, part bl'ck and part sandy land. Two miles of Decatur. $25 per acre.

No. 15- -50 acres, 12 acres timber pasture; 3-room house; good well, wind mill, tank, hydrants; 3 miles southwest Decatur; half mile from school; bargain.

No. 17---313 acres black land, 140 in cultivation; 4 room house; good barn; good well and cistern; everlasting running water. Fine propostion.

No. 18—45 acres sandy land; 30 acres in cultivation, 15 acres in pasture, 2 acres bermuda, balance timber; no johnson grass; 3-room house; good barn; two wells good water, windmill; orchard; berries; ideal truck farm; healty location; mile from school and two churches, A bargain.

No. 19---60 acres sandy land; 40 acres in cultivation, 20 acres timber pasture; new 4-room house; good water; land yields average 3-4 bale cotton, 40 bu. corn; good orchard, 100 trees; 3 miles south Decatur; 1 1-2 miles of school and church. Good proposition.

No. 20---5-room house; big tilable lot; in front of Baptist church. A big bargain if sold at once.

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More Important Than Eyes.

The pretty young teacher was struggling to impart spelling book lore to a small Italian boy. "Chief" was the word under consideration. "C-h-e-f" spelled Tony laboriously. "Oh, now, Tony," she said, "you've left out one letter. Can't you think what it is?" Tony shook his shiny black head. "It's name is just the same as something you have," she went on, looking straight into his eyes. "I can see them looking at me this minute, right out of your head—two big brown ones." "Bugs!" shouted Tony triumphantly.—Delineator.

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Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

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The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work.

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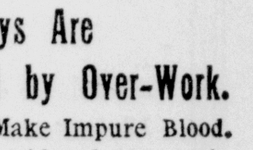

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Heavy full yard-wide brown domestic; regular 7c grade for only 5c
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